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18 January 1961

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

It has been an inspiration to me to have served under you for the past eight years.

These have been important formative years for this Agency. You have given us constant encouragement and support in the collection and coordination of intelligence for national security decisions. You have given intelligence a role in our whole national security structure which it never had before.

It has been a particular privilege for me to have had the opportunity to meet with you and the NSC and to report on the critical developments of these past years.

With all best wishes for the years ahead, and with the hope that from time to time I may have the benefit of your wise counsel, I remain

Respectfully yours.

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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